



# THE ORACLE

Optimist Club of Plant City  
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## NEXT MEETING IS MONDAY, MARCH 23

Our next meeting will be a Steak Night on **Monday March 23, grill time 6:30 pm at the Rec & Parks admin office patio**. Several things up for final planning, including Easter Egg Hunt, Soccer Tri-Star, Respect For Law and scholarships. **Bring that new member candidate and a steak for both of you** and be a part of planning our club's activities!

## SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER AT THE APRIL 6 MEETING

Be sure to plan to attend the April 6 meeting as we will have a special guest. Hillsborough County Commissioner for District 4 (East Hillsborough) Al Higginbotham will be here to speak to the Club about how the upcoming county budget cycle relates to you, the taxpayer. Watch the next Oracle to find out the location of this very special meeting!

## CITY-WIDE EASTER EGG HUNT APRIL 11

Final plans are being made for the **20th Annual City-Wide Easter Egg Hunt**. The event is scheduled for **Saturday, April 11 at 10:00am on the west fields of the Otis M. Andrews Sports Complex, 2402 East Cherry Street (just east of Hillsborough Community College)**. Cooking of hotdogs for the around 1,000 youths will begin at 8:00am, followed by the serving of the hotdogs and drinks around 10:30-10:45. We will need cooks, bun stuffers and wrappers as well as coolers to store the 'dogs in prior to serving and soda tappers. No hint this time... we expect to see the famous sausage with grilled onions and peppers—got that, Walt? Let's plan to have 10-12 members on hand to handle the food and drink duties as we always do. **Event Chairman Scott Lawson** (john\_lawson@progressive.com or 813-267-0382) needs your help so contact him or volunteer at the next meeting!

## ORATORICAL WINNERS COMPETE APRIL 13

Our winning Oratorical contestants, Amanda Williamson and Addison Killebrew, will compete at the Zone level on Monday, April 13 at Mulberry's Paradise Lakes Community Room. If they are successful at the Zone level, they will advance to the Region level competition on Saturday, April 18 at the Tampa Public Library. More specifics in the next Oracle...

## SOCCER TRI-STAR SET FOR MAY 2

The annual **Soccer Tri-Star Skills Competition is set for Saturday May 2** at the west fields of the Otis M. Andrews Sports Complex, 2402 East Cherry Street). Set-up and orientation is 8:30, competition starts at 9:00 and ends at 11:00 with the awards handed out at 11:30. Similar to football and basketball, the competition tests dribbling, passing and shooting skills. **Soccer Tri-Star Event Chairman Steve Rossiter** (stephenrossiter@verizon.com or 813-478-4142) will need 6-8 members on site to assist in the grading and awards presentation. Contact Steve to help out!

## RESPECT FOR LAW DINNER MAY 4

Mark your calendar as well for the **Respect for Law Dinner scheduled for Monday, May 4** at the Recreation & Parks administration conference room. Details are to be released soon. Contact **Respect for Law Event Chairman Terry Harnage** (terrifer@verizon.com or 813-239-4470) to help out with this event!

## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

- ✓ **Monday, March 23:** Steak Night meeting, 6:30pm, Rec & Parks patio. Agenda: Easter Egg Hunt, Soccer Tri-Star, Respect for Law, scholarships, location of the April 6 meeting.
- ✓ **Monday, April 6:** Regular meeting, 6:30pm, location to be announced. Special guest: Hillsborough County District 4 Commissioner Al Higginbotham. Agenda: Easter Egg Hunt, Soccer Tri-Star, Respect for Law, scholarships
- ✓ **Saturday, April 11:** City-Wide Easter Egg Hunt, OMA Sports Complex, 8:00am set-up and cook, 10:30am serve. Bring coolers to store assembled hotdogs in prior to distribution.

### 2008-2009 OFFICERS

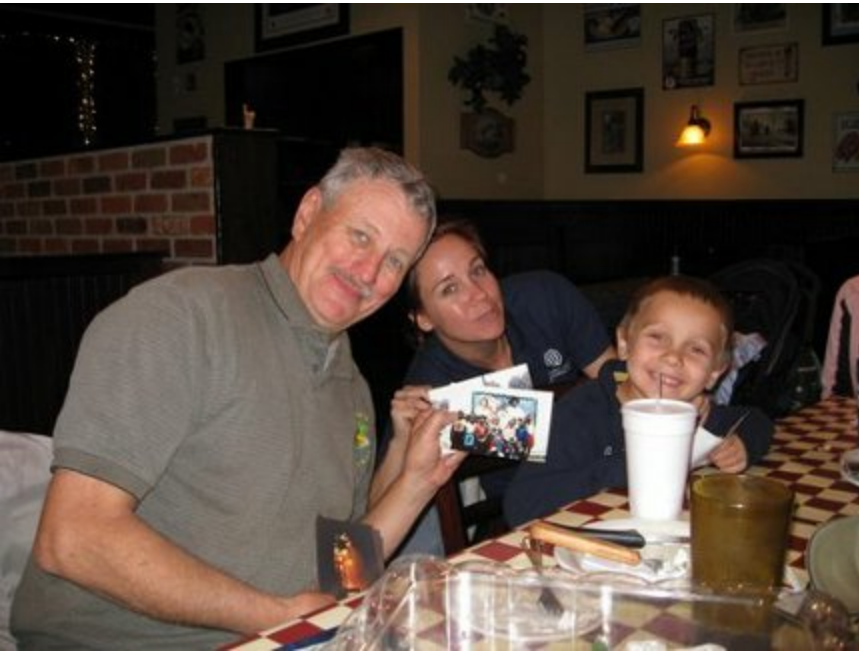
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### 2008-2009 BOARD MEMBERS

Jack Holland, Past President  
2008-2009:  
Walt Arnold - Scott Lawson - Pat Stottlemeyer  
2008-2010:  
Jeff Arnold - Cal Calhoun - Dave Robbins

## OPTIMISTS IN THE NEWS...



Cal, Alaina and Gavin at the surprise birthday cake meeting February 2.



Prez Jeb and his date at the Citizen of the Year Luncheon



The gang's all here... almost:  
Jeff A, Mike W, Paul W, Jeff O,  
Jack H, Alaina E, Sam S.  
(not pictured: Dave R)

**WELCOME DEANNA JACKSON,  
NEW MEMBER FOR 2009!**



Dave's empty chair...  
Alaina took care of the food!